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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT OF NORWAY'S KING TO U.S.

1. DURING FEBRUARY 3 COURTESY CALL ON KING OLAV, WE DISCUSSED HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO U.S. NEXT OCTOBER IN CONNECTION WITH THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORWEGIAN EMIGRATION. H.M. WAS MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE TRIP, CONFIRMING REPORTS THAT HIS IS HOPING TO MAKE WIDE-RANGING VISIT LASTING FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS AND COVERING SEVERAL PARTS OF U.S. WHILE KING IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN NON-POLITICAL, IT IS CLEAR THAT HE SEES AN OPPORTUNITY, WITH THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THIS VISIT, TO STRENGTHEN U.S.-NORWEGIAN RELATIONS. HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE VITAL FOR NORWAY, AND SPOKE WITH OBVIOUS CONCERN TO ME OF FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN MORE FRICTION BETWEEN US IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS (ENCOMPASSING VIETNAM PERIOD) THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME. IN ADDITION TO HELPING PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONS, THE KING HAS AN OBVIOUS PERSONAL CURIOSITY ABOUT VISITING, OR REVISITING CERTAIN PARTS OF THE U.S. AND MAY STRETCH THE NORWEGIAN EMIGRATION CONNECTION TO FIT HIS PERSONAL INTERESTS.

2. H.M. IS IDENTIFYING HIMSELF FULLY WITH THIS ANNIVERSARY OF NORWEGIAN EMIGRATION, THUS, HE WILL ATTEND THE JULY 4-7 CELEBRATION IN STAVANGER, COMMEMORATING THE SAILING OF THE GOOD SHIP, RESTORATION, WHICH CARRIED THE FIRST GROUP OF ORGANIZED EMIGRANTS

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IN 1825. ON THE U.S. END, THE FOLLOWING IS BROAD OUTLINE IS

THE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED THE EMBASSY BY DR. ARTHUR DAVIDSON,  
PRESIDENT WAGNER COLLEGE AND CHAIRMAN OF NEW YORK'S NORWEGIAN  
IMMIGRATION SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, 80 BROAD STREET, SUITE  
3300, PHONE 212-269-7940.

OCTOBER 8 ARRIVE NEW YORK, CEREMONIES AT LIBERTY ISLAND,  
RECEPTION BY CITY AUTHORITIES.

OCTOBER 9 BANQUET AT WALDORF ASTORIA

OCTOBER 10 OPEN FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

OCTOBER 11 DEPART FOR MINEAPOLIS, LUNCHEON CONCERT

OCTOBER 12 CHURCH, THOR HEYERDAHL MUSIC PROGRAM,  
RECEPTION

OCTOBER 13 OPEN FOR VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS

OCTOBER 14 VISIT BY HELICOPTER TO NORTHFIELD AND DECORAH

OCTOBER 15 DEPART FOR CHICAGO

OCTOBER 16 PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT, CITY HOSTS LUNCHEON, SYMPHONY

OCTOBER 17 VISIT BY HELICOPTER TO FOX RIVER VALLEY,  
LUNCHEON IN OTTAWA, BANQUET AT CONRAD HILTON (CHICAGO)

OCTOBER 18 DEPART FOR STATE OF WASHINGTON, STATE DINNER IN TACOMA

OCTOBER 19 SEATTLE/BLAKE ISLAND SAILING REGATTA INCLUDING  
VISIT TO NORWEGIAN FISHING FLEET.  
TILlicum VILLAGE AND FRIENDSHIP DINNER FOR 1,300

OCTOBER 20 VISIT TO PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY,  
ROYAL BANQUET AT OLYMPIC HOTEL

3. H.M. SPOKE OF TRAVELING TO OTHER CITIES AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD  
HE IS ANXIOUS TO SEE LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO. HIS AIDES  
ARE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED THAT HIS SCHEDULE ALLOW HIM  
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ADEQUATE TIME TO REST, EVEN THOUGH HE IS MORE VIGOROUS AT 72  
THAN MANY MUCH YOUNGER MEN.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO INFORM H.M. AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE REGARDING ANY ACTIVITIES INVOLVING HIM WITH HIGH AMERICAN  
OFFICIALS. FROM PROTOCOL STANDPOINT, HOW WOULD WE DESCRIBE THE  
LEVEL OF ANY VISIT TO WASHINGTON? WHILE MOST OF KING'S VISIT  
WILL PRESUMABLY BE UNOFFICIAL, HAS DEPARTMENT DECIDED WHETHER

IT WILL ASSIGN SOMEONE TO ACCOMPANY THE ROYAL PARTY, AND WHETHER  
I WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY ASPECT OF U.S. VISIT?  
I WILL, OF COURSE, BE PRESENT IN STAVANGER FOR JULY 4 CEREMONY.  
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